

2009 Cold Related Fatalities

There were 33 extreme cold deaths in 2009, down from 44 in 2008. This number is above the 10-year average of 24. Illinois again gained the dubious distinction of having the most cold-related deaths with 15. Wisconsin was a distant second with 6 hypothermia victims, followed by Minnesota with 4 cold related fatalities. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2009 was outside, which accounted for 27 deaths (82%), followed by in a permanent home without sufficient heat, 3 (9%). The hardest hit age range was 50-59, which numbered 8 fatalities (24%), followed by the 40-49 and 70-79 age ranges with 7 deaths each (21%). More men, 26 (79%) were victims than women 7 (21%).

2009 Cold Related Fatalities by State and Location

State	IW	MH	OT	OU	PH	VE	Total
FL (Florida)	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
IA (Iowa)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	1	11	3	0	15
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
MT (Montana)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NM (New Mexico)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
OR (Oregon)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
Total	0	0	2	27	3	1	33
Percent	0.00	0.00	6.06	81.82	9.09	3.03	

2009 Cold Related Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	1	0	1	3.03
10 to 19	0	2	0	2	6.06
20 to 29	0	2	0	2	6.06
30 to 39	0	1	0	1	3.03
40 to 49	1	6	0	7	21.21
50 to 59	1	7	0	8	24.24
60 to 69	0	2	0	2	6.06
70 to 79	2	5	0	7	21.21
80 to 89	3	0	0	3	9.09
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	7	26	0	33	
Percent	21.21	78.79	0.00		

Legend

IW -	In Water
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
PH -	Permanent Home
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer